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1. AFTER TWO DAYS OF ANNUAL REVIEW TALKS WITH SOVIETS AND ANOTHER TWO DAYS OF CALLS AT MINISTRIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, THE FOLLOWING PROSPECTS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES APPEAR MOST LIKELY FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 75 AND FOR FY 76, THE CU BUDGET PERMITTING:

A) INTERNATIONAL VISITOR (IV) PROGRAM - SOVIETS HAVE SHOWN CAUTIOUS BUT DEFINITE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN AN IV PROGRAM THAT WOULD EXTEND BEYOND THE MORE TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS AND WOULD INCLUDE NEW CATEGORIES OF LEADERS AT HIGHER AND MID-CAREER LEVELS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER FIELDS. THIS NEW PROGRAM, AS PROPOSED IN GENERAL TERMS DURING OUR REVIEW TALKS, WOULD BE A TWO-WAY EXCHANGE UNDER THE CURRENT CULTURAL AGREEMENT (NO AMENDMENTS NEEDED) WHICH WOULD BRING U.S. OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC LEADERS TO THE USSR FOR PROGRAMS ARRANGED BY THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS SOVIET LEADERS TO THE U.S.

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FOR TWO TO THREE WEEK PROGRAMS ARRANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH DISCUSSIONS AT MFA AND SEEK TO IDENTIFY PROFESSIONAL FIELDS AS WELL AS SOVIET INDIVIDUALS OF INTEREST TO THE TWO SIDES. THIS PROGRAM COULD BEGIN ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS IN EARLY 1975 AFTER OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MEANS OF NOMINATION PARTICIPANTS ON BOTH SIDES, HAVE BEEN AGREED TO. IF TRIAL RUNS ARE SUCCESSFUL, THIS COULD BE MAJOR NEW ITEM IN OUR FY 76 BUDGET.

B) ACADEMIC EXCHANGES - THESE WILL REMAIN AT CURRENT LEVELS DURING NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, WHICH WILL MEET MOST U.S. NEEDS. HOWEVER, WE DO EXPECT SOME EXPANSION IN UNIVERSITY LECTURER EXCHANGES (FULBRIGHT PROGRAM). SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO ADVANCE THE TIMETABLE FOR DESIGNATING FIELDS OF LECTURERS AND SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS TO PROVIDE MORE LEAD TIME NEEDED TO FACILITATE PLACEMENT OF SOVIET LECTURERS IN U.S. SOVIETS APPEAR GENUINELY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING AND EXPANDING THIS EXCHANGE, BUT LIKE ALL NEW PROGRAMS IT IS EXPERIENCING THE USUAL START-UP PROBLEMS. SOVIETS READILY AGREED TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR NEW 30-DAY EXCHANGES OF DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS FOR LECTURES AT UNIVERSITIES TO BEGIN IN FY 76. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY EASIER TO ADMINISTER. THEY ARE ALSO STUDYING OUR PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGES OF YOUNGER SOVIET "GENERALISTS" TO LECTURE AT U.S. LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES. EXCHANGES OF SUMMER LANGUAGE TEACHERS WILL BE EXPANDED FROM 30 TO 35 IN FY 75 (SUMMER 1975) AND PERHAPS TO 40 IN FY 76.

C) EDUCATION DELEGATIONS AND SEMINARS - BOTH MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MHE) AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) APPEAR GENUINELY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING AND EXPANDING EXCHANGES OF EDUCATION DELEGATIONS, AND THEN MOVING ON TO JOINT SEMINARS IN EDUCATION AND EXCHANGES OF RESEARCH SPECIALISTS. THE SOVIETS ARE THUS RECIPROCATING THE SIMILAR INTEREST IN SOVIET EDUCATION ON PART OF U.S. EDUCATORS. WE REACHED AGREEMENT TO SEND U.S. DELEGATIONS TO THE USSR NEXT SPRING IN HIGHER EDUCATION (CIES WILL SPONSOR) AND IN TECHNICAL AIDS IN EDUCATION. WE ALSO PROPOSED (AND SOVIETS ARE EXPECTING DETAILED PROPOSALS FROM US) EXCHANGES OF DELEGATIONS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (A HIGH PRIORITY), CONTINUING EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TESTING, AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES. POSSIBILITIES IN THESE FIELDS ARE LIMITED ONLY BY BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS AND OUR DESIGNATION OF PRIORITIES. WE ALSO EXPECT A DELEGATION IN U.S. IN NEAR FUTURE

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HEADED BY MHE MINISTER YELYUTIN. MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY (MGU) HAS ALSO SHOWN VERY HIGH INTEREST IN ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION OF YEAR AGO TO RECTOR KHOLKHV, AND WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT A RATHER SIZEABLE MGU DELEGATION THIS SPRING. WE MAY HAVE SOME DIFFICULTIES COORDINATING THESE TWO VISITS BUT BELIEVE THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT THAT BOTH TAKE PLACE IN 1975, THAT THEY GO WELL, AND THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS BE AVAILABLE TO ENSURE THEIR SUCCESS. INTEREST IN EDUCATION EXCHANGES IS ALSO HIGH AT MOE WHERE WE

REACHED AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS IN PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH (IN CALENDAR 1975) LEADING HOPEFULLY TO EXCHANGES OF SPECIALISTS FOR LONGER-TERM PEDAGOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SOVIETS ALSO PLAN TO SEND DELEGATION IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION TO U.S. IN FINAL QUARTER 1975. SOVIETS ACCEPTED OUR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT SEMINAR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (HIGH OF INTEREST), WHICH THEY PROPOSE TO HOLD IN USSR IN MARCH 1975, WHICH MAY BE TWO EARLY FOR U.S. SIDE. IN EXCHANGE THEY PROPOSE SEMINAR IN U.S. ON AUTOMATION IN EDUCATION.

D) RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING - THERE IS GREAT SOVIET INTEREST IN EXPANDING PROGRAMS OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION IN U.S. THROUGH COOPERATION IN PREPARATION OF TEXTS AND MANUALS (ALREADY GOING ON), EXCHANGES OF METHODOLOGISTS AND TEACHERS, AND AUDIO VISUAL AIDS, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION ON TV. IN DISCUSSING THESE SOVIET INTERESTS IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER SOME RECIPROCAL U.S. PROGRAMS ON TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN THE USSR, INCLUDING SENDING OF AMERICAN TEACHERS OF ENGLISH. WHILE MANY DETAILS REMAIN TO BE CLARIFIED, AND WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT PRIORITY THESE SHOULD HAVE IN RELATION TO OUR OTHER PROGRAMS, IT IS CLEAR THERE WILL BE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANGUAGE EXCHANGES IN FY 76 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

E) YOUTH EXCHANGES - IN CALL AT SOVIET COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (CYO) WE LEARNED FROM FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN PROKOPOV THAT CYO IS VERY INTERESTED IN CONTINUING ITS DELEGATION EXCHANGES AND SEMINARS WITH THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (ACYPL), BUT IS ALSO INTERESTED IN BROADENING ITS EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS WITH THE U.S. TO INCLUDE OTHER U.S. YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH ARE WORTH EXPLORING, AND WHICH CU MAY WISH UNCLASSIFIED

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TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY IN FY 76.

F) CU CAN BE PROUD OF THE TRULY MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE OF THE JOFFREY BALLET HERE. BUT IF WE EXPECT CONTINUED COOPERATION FROM THE SOVIETS FOR FUTURE U.S. GROUPS, WE MUST GIVE SOVIET CONCERT AGENCY MUCH MORE LEAD TIME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CITIES AND HALLS WE WISH TO HAVE.

2. OUR REVIEW TALKS THIS YEAR WERE NOTED FOR THE CORDIALITY WITH WHICH WE WERE RECEIVED BY SOVIETS, BOTH AT MFA CULTURAL DEPARTMENT AND AT VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND STATE ORGANIZATIONS. SOVIET SIDE APPEARS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING TWO-WAY EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS. HOW MUCH WE CAN DO OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON ABILITY OF U.S. SIDE TO SUPPORT THESE PROSPECTS WHICH ARE OF PRIORITY INTEREST, AND TO ALLOCATE

THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND PERSONNEL TO CARRY THEM OUT.
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